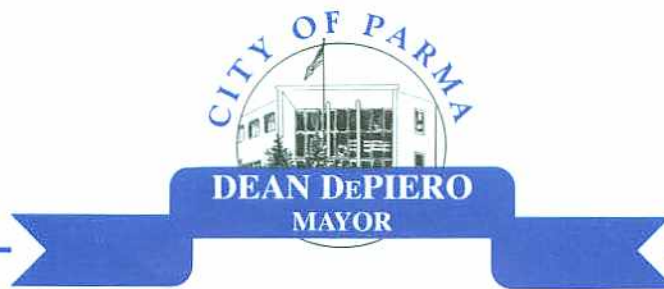


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Dear Resident:

As promised, enclosed is information regarding financial assistance available for those affected by the August 7, 2007 storm.

Although Cuyahoga County did not qualify for disaster relief from FEMA, we have worked diligently to engage other governmental agencies and we are happy to report that several different programs are available.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance Program has been made available to the residents that incurred damage from the flooding on August 7, 2007. The SBA program can provide low interest disaster assistance loans. In addition, the Governor has made available the State Individual Assistance Program. Below outlines the SBA and State Individual Assistance programs:

**Small Business Administration (SBA)** - Provides loans up to \$200,000 residential and \$500,000 to businesses impacted by the disaster event. Loans are low interest and usually in the range of 4% and 8% (*For the July 2007 flood, the interest rates were 3.1% and 6.25%*).

**State Individual Assistance Program (St. IA)** - Funds are available to individuals and families through the Ohio EMA to reimburse for uninsured eligible items damaged or lost from a natural disaster event. The state program is based on elements of FEMA's Individuals and Households Grant Program and can provide up to \$16,800 for serious needs and necessary expenses not provided by the SBA or other assistance.

**Also available to Parma residents is TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) –**  
Cash vouchers are available through the Cuyahoga County Department of Jobs and Family Services. Individuals with incomes up to 200% of the federal poverty level are eligible for assistance (although this requirement is sometimes waived for certain circumstances, in accordance with the county's discretion). You may be qualified to receive vouchers with values up to \$1500 in state funds per household. Elderly and disabled individuals who do not qualify may be eligible for a one-time voucher with a value of up to \$750. There are income restrictions and documentation necessary for the application. Applications will be available in Council Chambers.

Representatives and applications from the above listed agency will be available to assist individuals at **Parma City Hall  
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